



Amendment to claim 1:

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defining a plurality of ranges so that each of the ranges represents a priority rule;
determining the priority rule that applies to each of the plurality of protocols
respectively identified in the object-handle based on a configuration for the second
computer;

upon receipt of a signal at the second computer representing a request to access
the object located on the first computer for each of said one or more communication
sessions, generating bids having bid values for the plurality of protocols identified in the
object-handle, wherein each of the bids being respectively associated with the plurality of
protocols such that each of the bid values is in one of the ranges that represents the
priority rule that applies to the respectively associated protocol;

dynamically arranging the bid values in a sequence corresponding to their relative
values so as to indicate a relative preference among the plurality of protocols for each of
said one or more communication sessions;

parsing the arranged bid values to select a highest protocol that is the highest
preference according to the sequence and is effective in establishing each of said one or
more communication sessions;

wherein, the configuration includes property relating to the respective protocols
having enabled or disabled state.

Please note that these proposed changes are not for official use. If the agreement is not reached at this time, the applicant/attorney should not use the proposed changes in future prosecution of this case in anyway. Your prompt reply is greatly appreciated.

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